Prosperity Has Arrived Every Section Feels It W.R. & E. STOCK IS

Good Business Move Is Reaching Over Entire Coun-Try, Say Secretary Lane and Comptroller Williams-Agriculture, Manufacturing, and Trade Booming.

A wave of general prosperity and points toward proving me a good good business is reaching over the entire United States, according to Administration officers who have made personal observation, or who have kept a close finger upon the business pulse of

the country. Secretary of the Interior Lane, after nine-day trip across the continent, is brimming with confidence in the business situation, and Comptroller of the Currency John Skelton Williams has received reports from eighty bank examiners who are in intimate touch with business and finance in every section of the country, all breathing optimism. The comptroller has made public a summary of these special business re-

Farming in Good Shape; Manufactures Growing; No Business Declining

Rusiness is on the boom or is about to boom throughout the United States. according to special reports made by the bank-examining force scattered throughout the country to Comptroller

of the Currency John Skelton Williams. Maryland is one of the few backward States in a business way at the present time, according to the examiners. They say, however, that conditions in that State are improving, and there is prospect of good business with the opening of warm weather. pening of warm weather.

Special reports on business conditions

and the outlook in all sections were called for by Comptroller Williams recently, and reports were received from eighty of the ninety bank examiners.

Farm Conditions Excellent. Agricultural conditions are reported

generally excellent, and commercial lines, with comparatively few exceptions, are enlarging their activities as a result of an increased demand.

The Comptroller says: "Further orders have been placed for cars and rails by the railroads, and some large con-tracts have been made for structural iron for large buildings in various sections of the country.

'Although business has through a depression caused by the un-usual conditions abroad, in many ways the result will be a permanent benefit. Business throughout the country has been established through the application of economy. This economy has been applied by the manufacturer, merchant. farmer, and individual. The result has been the placing of all lines upon a more stable working basis.

"The South is showing marked im-provement. The sale of cotton is active at advancing prices, with the result that all business in that section is feeling a pronounced and steady improvement. The prospects for large crops generally are excellent, and there will be greater

pression to the greatest extent. Farmers, however, generally have had satisfactory results, but manuafacturing, did with the exception of that to fill forign orders, is feeling the improvement to the least extent.

"General business conditions through-out the middle Atlantic States show improvement only two districts (Reading Pa., and Maryland) being excepted. The general and immediate outlook is re-ported as good and healthy in tone. No business is declining. Manufacturing generally is increasing, and the produc-tion of articles for the use of foreign armies is active in this section, also. There is some slight depression in a few manufacturing lines, also to some extent in the retail business.

Biggest Depression In Coal. The lines that show the greatest

activity are stock, harness, machine tools, iron and steel business, machinery, rubber, automobiles, wholesale mercantile trade, building stones, pack-ing grain, knitting and shoe mills, ce-ment, drugs, hardware, clothing, boots, and shoes and enamel. The greatest depression is in coal, vehicles, dry goods, home furnishings, mining, railroad construction and equipment material, stove foundries, lumber, glass, general merchandise, retail lines, real estate and breweries.

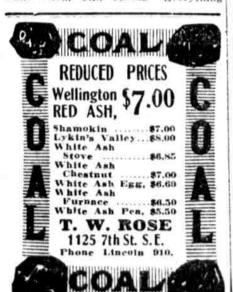
"Department stores report that March has been the best in their his-tory. The tourist travel is larger than was expected. It is expected that prices for wool will be the highest since 1909, and the retail business is reviving, while the crop conditions are excellent over the entire Pacific coast."

Hard Times Are Over; Exports Booming; All Soon Will Have Jobs

of the interior Lane. Three weeks on for the plaintiff, the road and three days back in Washington convinces him that prosperity is with us, and he believes there is more of it yet to come.

good times are with us. good times are with us.

"My prediction at San Francisco that in six months there will not be an idle man in this country, among those who want work, still stands. Everything



Money is plentiful and cheap—call loans at 2 per cent in New York; ex-

ports are booming, crops are good, many lines of industry active above normal." Asked if he based his prediction in part on the Administration's plans for connecting the manless job and the job-less man, Secretary Lane said that while this effort of the Labor Depart-ment is expected to help, his confidence is due to a general trend toward better conditions.

"Many industries, of course, are bene-

fited by the war in Europe. Many more will be benefited by its end, when the end comes. Even the steel mills, working overtime on war orders, will find an increased domestic demand—an accumulated demand because of orders un-

"The rebuilding process in Europe is going to call on American industries more extensively than the war has. One product that will feel the call is lumber. But, aside from the part Europe has played in depressing business generally, while helping some lines, there cannot be any doubt that good times are here and that better times are coming."

The Secretary would not discuss poli-tics. Nobody knows what the issue in the next campaign will be." he said. "But the condition I've described wipes out the full dinner-pail issue, if there was any danger of it being raised."

'I'LL LAND OLD DEAR, WROTE MRS. M'NABB

Letter Is Shown in Court in Suit of Woman Against Aged Mine Owner.

(Continued from First Page.) Probably that was in my mind at the ime," answered Mrs. McNabb. "I think I'll land the old dear. What did you mean by that?" asked the law-"We use that expression a great deal in Michigan," the witness replied. "In speaking of marrying," inquired Miss Freebey. Mrs. McNabb answered in the affirm-

Mrs. McNabb answered in the affirmative, conveying the impression that "landing" met marrying in slang vernacular of the mine district.

"You say that you were tired working, were you thinking of giving up work," was the next question.

"No, for I was not. I was thinking of taking care of Mr, Kinney," answered Mrs. McNabb.

Would Be a Nurse.

"Then your relations with Mr. Kin nev according to the plans suggested were to be those of a nurse?" inquired

Business Shows Improvement.

"The New England and middle Atlantic States and portions of the central West, although generally reporting an West, although generally reporting an "Couldn't his relatives take care of "Couldn't his relat

Yes, his daughter Addie had agreed to do so, but Mr. Kinney said that he did not wish to make her give up her studies at school." "What did you mean you would be jealous of your housekeeper, and that she wouldn't want him?"
"Miss Leidfelt, my housekeeper, is a young and beautiful girl, and was at

time engaged to be married, I be-You have agreed to marry Mr. Kin-

ney, why were you anxious to have a special dinner prepared for him?"
"Most all women do that in such cases," replied the winess. It would have been more unnatural for me not to have prepared a special dinner than to have had one prepared."
"You said he had a peach of a car, why did that impress you?"

Please Children.

"I said that would please Marcella. my little daughter. Those things always please children.

"Is it true that you regretted your good looks?"
"I have no answer to make to that question other than that it was a mere pleasantry "He says that I am too young!" Does that not sound like an objection to a proposal made to him?"

"No; not in my opinion." Mrs. McNabb resumed the stand foltoning on the letter was continued by Miss Freebey.
W. J. Galbraith, prosecuting

for Holton county. Mich., testified that he was called on the long-distance tele-phone at Calumet, and that, as attorney for Mrs. McNabb, he drew up a contract in which Kinney agreed to give to the boarding house proprietress one-sixth of his property and insure her life for \$9,000 so that each of her children could have \$2,000 in event of her death

Testimony that the Zimmerman mine, one of the ore properties in which Kin-ney is alleged to be the principal hold-Good times are not coming—they're er, contains at least 8,000,000 tons of ore, here. That's the opinion of Secretary was given by William H. Job, of Crystal Falls, M'ch., a mine inspector called

German Readers to Meet.

The next public meeting of the German
The open are not talking of hard times are lie Library on the evening of April 14, not talking of it here. Half a dozen nen in my office today, coming from cludes Dr. Paul Gleis, Prof. II. Schahvarious sections of the country, declared paneter. Prof. A. W. Spanhoofd and Errord times are with us.

SOLD AT ADVANCE

Interest in the trading on the Wash ington Stock Exchange today turned from the bond list and centered in Washington Railway and Electric com mon stock. A total of 275 shares of this issue was disposed of on an upward scale that raised the price 14 points above the last previous sale. After 100 shares had sold at 881/2 which was 11/2 points over yesterday's bid price, two quotation lots went at 88%; fifty shares then commanded 89

and an additional lot of 75 shares brought the high figure for the day 89%. The buying broker was still on the floor for more of the stock at the last price, but, finding no further offerings, established the bid quotation at 88. Prices generally were firmer, but the

market appeared to be more contracted han on yesterday. A total of \$4,000 with of Potomac Electric Power consoldated 5's sold at 100% 641,000. Riggs Realty (long) 5's brought 102, an advance of one-half point, and two Capital Tracof one-nair point, and two Capital Trac-tion 5's were traded in at 103%, a frac-tion under yesterday's figure.

The other sales included 25 shares of Railway preferred at 84, and an odd lot of five shares of Mergenthaler Linotype stock at 174, a half point above recent price levels.

price levels. The Exchange Bank of Washington, at Pennsylvania avenue and Twentieth street northwest, held its first annual dinner last night at the Powhatan Hotel, at which the officers, directors, and employes of the institution, and others prominent in banking circles of this city and Baltimore were present.

Dr. Mark F. Finley, president of the lank, presided and presented as the pricapal speaker of the evening Col. Robert N. Harper, president of the District antional Bank, who complimented the Exchange Bank upon its growth and admonished the continued pursuit of business along progressive lines. The Exchange Bank of Washing-

Colonel Harper remarked that no institution which bases its business on sound principles and meets with en sound principles and meets with success can hope to escape critism from its empetitors, and suggested that no heed be paid to such "knocks." but rather that they be considered compliment. The fact that a business institution is passed by as a nonentity by others engaged in the same field, he edded, is a sign of unprogressiveness.

In concluding Colonel Harper emphasized the importance of clean busi-

hasized the importance of clean bust ness methods, and declared that he would rather lend money to a young man who had shown himself to be honest and imbused with a spirit to struggle for success, than to an old-er man, well established, who resorts o "shortcuts" and writes "Jokers" nto his agreements. The other speakers were Theodore N. Austin, assistant cashler of the National Hank of Baltimore; Ashton G. Clapham, and Tucker K. Sands, president and cashler, respectively, of

Bowie Entries

the Commercial National Bank, and Wade H. Cooper, president of the Union and United States Savings

First race-Selling; maiden two-year olds; four and a half furlongs. *Penance, 100; *Eddie T., 103; Rose Water Ungar, 110, Miss Philbin, 111.

Second race-Selling; three-year-olds and upward; five and a half furlongs, that all regular Harrell, 96; Meelicka, 19; *Ortyx Norus, 104; Surpassing, 107; Can-*B. J. Harrell, 96; Meelicka, 29; *Ortyx, 104; Norus, 104; Surpassing, 107; Cannock, 107; Dewdrop, 108; Arcene, 110; Pat Gannon, 110; Parlor Boy, 110; Deduction, 110; Ei Mahdi, 112; Sir Dyke 112; Joe Knight, 112; Al Bloch, 115; Pharoah, 115; also eligible to start; Margaret G., 99; Veneta Strome, 108; *Toddling, 105; Canto, 112.

Third race—Selling; four-year-olds and upward; six furlongs. *Buzz Around, %: *Captain Elliott, 103; *Da-Around, 99; *Captain Elliott, 103; *Da-kota, 104; Yodeling, 106; Veneta Strome, 106; Golden Castle, 107; Canto, 106; Mar-tin Casca, 109; *Brandywine, 108; New Haven, Boy, 117. 111; Kayderoseros, 111; Sonny

Fourth race-The Maryland Selling Handicap; three-year-olds and up-ward; six furlongs. Borax, 97; Eagle, 99; Patience, 102; Frogressive, 102; The Squealer, 103; Briar Path, 106; Star Gift, 109; Jim Basey, 109.

Fifth race-The Belvedere Hotel Hanfifth race—The Betvedere Hotel Handicap; three-year-olds and upward; seven furlongs. He Will, 96; Calto, 101; *Joe Finn, 105; Isdora, 105; El Oro, 106; 'Brave Cunarder, 107; Joe Deibold, 108; Pardner, 109. ! Hedwell entry.

Sixth race—Selling; three-year-olds and upward; one mile and twenty yards, "Lady Spirituelle, 90; Zodlac, 101; "Bula Welsh, 163; Trovato, 165; Peacock, 166; "Colonel Holloway, 168; Plain Ann, 169; Peteius, 110; Ben Uncas, 110; Colonel Cook, 118 Cook, 118

Seventh race—Selling; three-year-olds and upward; one mile and seventy yards. *Tom Hancock, 101; *Priwer, 105; Miss Barn Harbor, 107; *Abbotsford, 168; Meyanoke, 108; Rodondo, 169; Luke Van Landt, 110; Uncle Ben, 110; Uncle Mun, 112; Love Day, 113; Little England, 137

Weather clear; track fast, *Apprentice allowances claimed,

Attempt Is Made to Kill Sultan of Egypt

LONDON, April 9.-An attempt was nade yesterday afternoon to assassinate the Sultan of Egypt, Hussein Kemal, according to a dispatch from Cairo,



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Local Sales.

Potomac Electric Consolidated 5's. \$1.000@100%, \$3.000@100%. Riggs Realty (long) 5's, \$1,000@102. Washington Railway preferred, 25784. Washington Railway common, 25088%. 0884, 250884, 250884, 250884, 250884, 089, 25089, 250894, 250894, 250894, Mergenthaler, 50174.

After call— Capital Traction 5's, \$1,000@103%, \$1,000@103%.

Powder Company Raises

WILMINGTON, Del., April 9.-Em ployes of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours prior to April 1, would receive an in-crease of 20 per cent. The company several weeks ago

granted a similar increase to all work-men in the various plants employed by the day or hour.

LOCAL AND NEW YORK FINANCIAL NEWS

High Low, p.m. Close Alaska Gold...... 3614 8516 3616 | 3516 Amai Copper..... 6616 63% Am. Beet, Sug., com... 46 45 American Can...... 351/2 34 Am, Can., pfd...... 97% 97 Am. C. & F...... 1916 48% Am. Cotton Oil..... 50 4914 4914 Am. Ice Bec...... 32 30% 31% | 30% Am. Locomotive 32% 31% 32% Am. Smelting...... 69% 67% 69% | 67% Am. Smelting pfd.....104 104 104 1 Am. Sugar & R..... 1081/2 107 1081/2 Am Tel. & Tel..... 119% 119% 119% 1 119 Anaconda...... 33% 30% 33% 31% 31% Atchison...... 100% 100% 100% 100% 100 Atlantic Coast Line.. 105 108 106 1 105 Balti & Ohio...... 7816 72% 7816 | 72% Balti. & Ohio, prd... 7014 7014 7014 7214 Bethlehem Steel......115 103 11216 105 B. F. Goodrich 53% 50% 53 | 47% Brook Rpd. Trans... 901/2 89% 90% | 89% | California Petrol..... 16% | 16 | 161/4 | 16 California Pet. pfd., 4314 4314 4314 | 43 anadian Pacific..... 1661/4 1631/4 1661/4 | 1631/4 Central Leather..... 27 2614 2614 | 3514 hesapeake & Ohio ... 45% 44% 45% | 44% Chi. Con. Copper.... 40% 39% 40% 1 Chicago & N. W.....1281/ 1281/ 1281/ 128 Chi. & Great West.. 12% 12% 12% 12%

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Short Interests Re-established 4814 Long Lines, Checking Reaction of Yestreday.

NEW YORK, April 9.-Heavy buying by the public, coupled with the meager offerings of stock, caused short interests to re-establish long lines today, thus checking the reaction that developed in the market yesterday with the Bethlehem flurry, and sending price levels generally higher. The advances in the standard issues measured from one-half to more than two points, and in the specialties ranged much broader Bethlehem Steel, the sky rocketing in which yesterday upset the whole market, again fluctuated sharply in the early trading, recording in the first few minutes an advance of 10 full points over yesterday's last figures by selling at 115. Within a few minutes, however, the price had fallen to 104, only to recover almost as quickly to 111. At that price it remained comparatively stable 1 121/4

until noon when it again advanced to 134 | 12# | 114. While there was no definite new account for the sensational activity in the stock, there were again nu-merous rumors on the oor, the latest being that Henry C. Frick had acquired control of the Bethlehem Corporation by purchasing a majority of the 150,000 shares of common stock in the open market.

Bethlehem, however, did not overshadow the market to the extent that it did beta vertically and United it did late yesterday and States Steel shares enjoyed States Steel shares enjoyed a good market and recorded substantial gains. The common sold up nearly threet points in the early trading to 52%, and the preferred advanced a full point to 108.

Next to Bethlehem the widest price

changes occurred in the motor stocks. General Motors which has divided honors with Bethlehem for several days gain of 4% points. Studebaker sold at 60%, or 6% points above yesterday's last figures; Allis-Chalmers preferred jumped 51% points to 55, and Maxwell com-

tween Chicago and Denver have been asked to supply 10,000 unskilled laborers for railroad work, it was stated today. The Burlington, it was said, will put 2,000 men to work by May 1, and the l'nion Pacific 4,000 by June 1. The Rock Island, Missouri Pacific, and North

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